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Mosharraf's golden school days

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Successful TV actor Mosharraf Karim has earned fame for his on screen characters. Despite being extremely busy with shoots, Mosharraf recently managed to squeeze time to share memories about his golden school days with The Daily Star. Excerpts: "My first school was Segunbagicha High School. I joined the school in the third grade and studied there for a year. Before that, I had a house tutor named Sultan whom I called Sultan Kaku (uncle). He used to arrange weekly, monthly and annual tests for me at home. He home-schooled me till second grade and then I joined school." "I was not admitted to kindergarten as I often used to wander off here and there. Once without telling my family, I ventured out of home and walked off to a remote place. Once I went to a nearby cinema hall of Gulistan when we stayed in Old Dhaka." "After enrolling at school, one thing really amazed me. Everyone responded 'Yes Sir' to roll-calls but I kept mum because I did not know my roll number. Apart from this, I was not used to this, as there was no roll calling when I was home schooled." "One day, my classmate Sandha informed the teacher that I did not respond during roll calls. I told him

that I did not know my roll number. Following the incident, I came to know that my roll number was 55. Ever since, even today, I remember my roll number." "I returned to village home in Barisal and got admitted to fourth grade at Pingalakathi Chiparpipe Government Primary School. I passed grade five from the school." "If I had not returned to my village at that stage, I would not have experienced the six seasons of our country. I would have missed out on our rural traditions and food. Those were really golden days in my life." "Mizu and Awal, two of my closest school friends, are now living in Dhaka. I often meet them and hang out amid my busy shooting schedule. Many others, like Mridulesh, Anupoma and Rina Pal left for Kolkata. I will try and meet them if I go there next time." "Ninth and tenth grade at Pinglakathi Bahumukhi High School were the best times of my school days. We would walk home in the rain in monsoon, swim in ponds and have a blast. But despite all that, I secured top position in a poetry recitation competition in school. I have still clear memories of teachers like high school headmaster Bazlur Rahman, English teacher Sukumar Sir, Malek Sir and Lutfur Sir." "I will always remember those days..."

MUSIC FOR A CAUSE

Popular bands line up for CONCERT FOR TASLIMA



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To save the life of Taslima Islam Lovely, a number of popular bands of the country have united to hold a charity concert in Chittagong. The concert, titled "Concert for Taslima", will take place at BAWA School field at Dampara in the port city on April 2 at 2pm. Leading band Shironamhin, along with crowd-pleaser bands Minerva, Ashes, Shohojia, Baidu, Ionic Bond and Metrical will perform at the event to raise money for the treatment of Taslima. Taslima has been suffering from Blood Cancer for the last six months, and she is critical stage now. To save her life, Taslima needs to be taken to India for radio therapy. Jagorito Tarun, an online social platform of youths, is organising the concert with an aim that small contributions of music lovers can save a life, and bring back smile in the face of Taslima's two-year-old daughter. Ticket price is 120 each person. Detail about ticket is available on the event's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/877978575649231/>.

Singer Kanakchapa turns painter

Solo exhibit "Dwidhar Dolachal" begins today

A CORRESPONDENT

Kanakchapa is well known as one of the most popular playback singers of the country. But most are unacquainted with her other facet as a painter. Kanakchapa was introduced to the world of painting while she was in school by her father Azizul Haq Morshed, who was a student of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin. Now the singer will show her artistic talent through her first solo painting exhibition, "Dwidhar Dolachal". The exhibit will begin today at Gallery 4 of the National Art Plaza of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed will attend the inauguration ceremony this evening as chief guest,

while noted artist Abdus Shakur Shah, lyricist Rafik-Uz-Zaman, and artist Kanakchapa Chakma will be the special guests. The exhibition has been dedicated to the recently deceased artist and film director Khaled Mahmud Mithu. About her first exhibition, Kanakchapa said, "During his lifetime, my father saw my popularity as a singer, but he was not fortunate enough to see his daughter emerging as a painter. My father inspired me to paint. After his death, my mother gave his colour box to me. She too inspired me as a painter." The exhibition will feature over 100 paintings by the prolific Kanakchapa. The exhibition will run till April 4.



Suborna, Dilara Zaman in new daily soap

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Suborna Mustafa, Dilara Zaman and Jitu Ahsan have begun filming a new daily soap for TV, titled "Ontorjatra". Produced by Dhoni-Chitro and Mindshare and directed by Badrul Anam Soud, the serial is expected to begin airing on Ekushey Television soon. Filming began in the capital's Uttara this week. Suborna Mustafa gave an insight into the theme of "Ontorjatra". "Every person goes through two journeys in life. One is, biological, and the other

is of the inner self. The relationships between the characters of the drama are defined by the latter." Dilara Zaman, meanwhile said "I'm working in Soud's direction after more than a decade. It's a beautiful story, and I think it will reflect the stories of many families of this country." Jitu, who has been working with Suborna for many years, was also excited about the new soap "Suborna apa is a kind of artist who can enrich you as an actor. I'm learning a lot from her. I believe this will be a good production."



Science TV show coming soon



A CORRESPONDENT

A new TV show for school children based on science experiment, facts & everything related to science is about to begin soon named - Science Rocks'. Champs21.com the pioneer e-learning portal in Bangladesh is about to launch the programme, with Doze Internet as the sole sponsor. The aim of the programme is to generate interest in science among students and providing scientific knowledge in an easy way. The show is about to begin shortly and will be aired on TV on Friday. The MoU of "Science Rocks" was signed by Russell T Ahmed, CEO, Champs21.com and Mr. Mahbul Matin, President, System Solutions and Development Technologies Limited (SSD-Tech). Champs21.com has taken many initiatives for schoolchildren, most notably English spelling competition "Spelling Bee" and general knowledge competition "Bangladesh First". They are working to provide educational contents for this group and their latest initiative is the programme "Science Rocks". The content of the programme will be suitable for students of third to eighth grade; simple experiments that can be carried out at home using available ingredients will be shown here. Ingredients like vinegar, egg, water, baking soda will be used in experiments like turning egg into a bouncing ball or making music with glass of water.

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